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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to Rule 56, applicant hereby calls the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449.

This document is accompanied by Form PTO-1449 citing U.S. Patent No. 6,196,749, French Patent Publication No. FR 964,994 and Belgian Patent Publication No. BE 494,777, published March 6, 2001, August 30, 1950 and July 17, 1950, respectively.

This item was cited in a supplementary search report issued by the EPO on March 23, 2006 as a Technical Background document (Category 'A'). The EPO Communication dated March 30, 2006 for corresponding European Application No. EP 03 72 4072 is enclosed and is also cited on the accompanying PTO-1449.

A Notice of Allowance was issued in this case on October 29, 2007. The issue fee was paid on January 24, 2008 in this case. As of the filing of this paper, the patent has not been issued, but will issue March 25, 2008. As such, this document is being submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(i). Applicants respectfully request its being placed in the file record.

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